

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 have been cancelled. Claim 4 has been amended. Claims 11-16 have been added. Claims 4-16 remain for further consideration. No new matter has been added.

The objections and rejections shall be taken up in the order presented in the Official Action.

1. Claims 1-10 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph for allegedly failing to particularly point and distinctly claim the subject matter deemed to be the present invention.

Claims 1-3 have been cancelled. Claim 4 has been amended to include the features of claims 1 and 4, and amended to obviate the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 4-10 are now in condition for allowance.

2. Claims 1-3 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) for allegedly being anticipated by the subject matter disclosed in U.S. Patent 5,339,264 to Said et al (hereinafter "Said").

Claims 1-3 have been cancelled.


3. The indication that claims 4-10 contain allowable subject matter is noted and appreciated.

Claim 4 has been rewritten to include the features recited from claims 1 and 3, and amended to overcome the indefiniteness rejection. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 4-10 are now in condition for allowance.

For all the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 4-16 is respectfully requested.

If a telephone interview could assist in the prosecution of this application, please call the undersigned attorney.

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